REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated March 17, 2006. Claims 16-39 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-15 remain pending after this amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants elect for continued prosecution of the Group I claims (i.e. claims 1-15) drawn to a method. Thus, Applicants request examination of claims 1-15.

To advance the prosecution of the application, claims 16-39 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The claims have <u>not</u> been amended for patentability or to further limit in view of any prior art. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application with respect to these cancelled claims at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to direct future correspondence regarding this application to the undersigned attorney at the address below.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities that can be corrected by Examiner's amendment, or that in any way it would help expedite the prosecution of the patent application, a telephone call to the undersigned at (561) 989-9811 is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1556.

In view of the preceding discussion, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and re-examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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